



# Hancock County Catholic Church St. Columba & Immaculate Conception



## Immaculate Conception

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## St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store

Phone ..... 295-3494  
Meetings are 3rd Wednesday at 4:30 pm  
Store hours: M-F 10-4 pm, Sat. 10-2 pm  
P.O. Box 391 • 8185 Hwy 60 W • Lewisport, KY 42351  
For all of Hancock County

## Nationwide Mass Times

Call 1-734-794-2100 or [www.masstimes.org](http://www.masstimes.org)

## Opportunities for Life Hotline

Call (800) 822-5824 for help for those experiencing an untimely pregnancy.

## Does Your Marriage Need Help?

Call 800-470-2230 or [www.retrouvaille.org](http://www.retrouvaille.org)

## Membership in the Parish

We give a hearty welcome to all new families moving into our Parish. Please register in the Parish Office as soon as possible. Families who plan to move from our parish community are requested to inform us.

## Bulletin Articles

Deadline for submission of bulletin articles is on Monday.

## Cycles of Faith

"And behold, the star that they had seen at its rising preceded them, until it came and stopped over the place where the child was." In our day and age, the star of Christmas has become a kind of decorative symbol that adorns manger scenes and Christmas trees. It suggests something good and bright and holy, a visual indicator that the "Light of the world" has appeared. But today, on the feast of the Epiphany, we recall that originally, this star was not just a pretty symbolic ornament. This star was a sign from God that intervened in the operations of the physical universe. The Magi understood that this star was sent from God to indicate where his Son would be born.

Of course it should not surprise us in this season of all seasons that God should choose to order the universe according to his purposes. Jesus has just been born of a virgin! God has just taken on human flesh. These events in themselves are extraordinary divine interventions—miracles that defy the standard operation of things. Why shouldn't God choose to send a luminous star where he wants it, when he wants it? Why shouldn't he reveal his plan through the things that he created in the first place?

The beauty of today's feast is found, in part, in the fact that the Magi were able to recognize this sign from God. They waited for it, they saw it, and they rejoiced in it: "They were overjoyed at seeing the star." We too should be overjoyed in this season of God's special revelation to us. We may need the eyes to recognize it, but truly we have waited for a Savior, we have seen his appearance at Christmas, and now it is time to celebrate! God is at work in our physical world. He has come here, now to save us. This is cause for rejoicing!



## Celebration of the Sacraments

**Anointing of the Sick** • Celebrated twice a year at the weekend Masses. Anyone who is ill, infirmed or going to surgery may request the anointing by contacting Fr. Terry.

**Baptism** • Baptism takes place on Sundays during Mass or following Mass. Contact Fr. Terry to set a meeting to prepare for the sacrament and set a date. Baptism for older youths and adults occurs at the Easter Vigil or before marriage.

**Reconciliation** • Before Mass on Saturday at 4:30 pm, after any Mass, or by appointment with Fr. Terry. Communal services during Advent and Lent. First Reconciliation is celebrated during Advent.

**Confirmation** • Is celebrated in the seventh and eighth grades or at the Easter Vigil. The Bishop visits every two years and we alternate between the two parishes.

**Eucharist** • First Eucharist is celebrated during May each year with children in the second grade.

**Holy Orders** • Contact Fr. Terry if you are interested in the vocations of Priesthood or religious life.

**Marriage** • Contact Fr. Terry at least 6 months before setting a date for marriage. Couples are to attend Engaged Encounter or the Sponsor Couple Program.

**Mass attendance is mandatory for those requesting Sacraments, Fr. Terry.**



### Epiphany of the Lord:

Today marks the feast of our Christmas season which is the Epiphany or Manifestation of our Lord. This special celebration recalls the visit from the three astrologers from the East. This feast reassures us that Jesus (the Christmas gift sent by the Father) is for all of humanity. The foreigners, also called the Gentiles (non-Jews) brought their gifts to the child after following the star of Bethlehem. We, too, are called to follow

#### From Father's Desk

Christ and to present our lives and the gift of ourselves to the One who has given us everything. May our spiritual resolution in the new year be to follow Christ and to give to Him the gift of ourselves, so that we might better manifest His presence to those around us. God's special blessings to all in 2017. Fr. Terry

### LIVE THE LITURGY

Today's feast of the Epiphany reminds us that Jesus came into the world for all, not just a select group of people. Into all nations a light has come and today we reflect on the wonderful gift Jesus gives us in light. If we journey with him, there is always hope and the darkness of confusion, ignorance, sin, and even death is dispelled. God is with us and knows every aspect of what it means to be truly human.

### First Eucharist Parent meeting

A parent meeting for their children who are preparing for First Eucharist is scheduled Wednesday January 18th at 6:30pm at IC Parish Office. Parents are encouraged to attend this important meeting on how to help their child prepare for this very special sacrament.

### Opportunities for Life

January 15th is the weekend designated for the Annual Collection to support Opportunities for Life. OFL is a life affirming ministry of the Bishops of Kentucky. The OFL ministry is available 24 hours a day 7 days a week to offer confidential, non-judgmental emotional support, and information to those affected by an untimely pregnancy. Please be generous in your support of this ministry. In addition to your generous gift, please pray for the OFL volunteers and for those the ministry serve. To learn more about the OFL ministry, please call (888) 496-3638.

### Baby Gifts for Birthright

Support Birthright in Owensboro by donating baby gifts such as clothing, blankets, bottles or diapers. Birthright assists mothers in need. Baskets will be available as you enter church.

### Ski or Snowboard or Tube Paoli Peaks

Join us on the slopes at Paoli Peaks Sunday January 22, 2017. We will be taking the church bus and leave from IC Church parking lot around 11:30am after Mass. Plans are to go over to DQ for lunch and be at Paoli by 2:00pm CST. Cost to Ski or Snowboard is \$40 and Tubing is \$25 plus you will need money for food. We should arrive back to IC Church parking lot by 8:00pm. All families and individuals are invited to attend. HS and MS youth may attend without parents but will need parental consent. Grade school children must be accompanied by parents. So, that more info may be mailed to you, please sign up in church, or call the office to sign up. Make up day for bad weather will be Sunday January 29th.

**YOU HAVE TO GO TO CHURCH EVERY SUNDAY BECAUSE WE HAVE SEASON TICKETS.**



### Mass Intentions

#### Tuesday, January 10

8:00 am † Charles Bozarth SC  
By BM & LH

#### Wednesday, January 11

5:30 pm † Eva Cota-Robles IC  
By Becky Monetathchi

#### Thursday, January 12

8:00 am † Dot Bratcher SC  
By Ron Spalding

#### Friday, January 13

8:00 am † Deny Wayne Wheatley IC  
By Connie Wheatley

#### Saturday, January 14

5:00 pm † Anna Payne  
By Denis & Martha Wheatley

#### Sunday, January 15

8:30 am † George Allard SC  
By Betty Allard  
10:30 am People of the Parish IC

### Readings for the Week

January 8, 2017

Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/  
Mt 2:1-12

Monday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Acts 10:34-38/  
Ps 29/Mt 3:13-17

Tuesday: Heb 2:5-12/Ps 8/Mk 1:21-28 or  
Heb 1:1-6 and 2:5-12/Ps 8/Mk 1:14-20  
and 1:21-28

Wednesday: Heb 2:14-18/Ps 105/Mk  
1:29-39

Thursday: Heb 3:7-14/Ps 95/Mk 1:40-45

Friday: Heb 4:1-5, 11/Ps 78/Mk 2:1-12

Saturday: Heb 4:12-16/Ps 19/Mk 2:13-17

Next Sunday: Is 49:3, 5-6/Ps 40/1 Cor  
1:1-3/Jn 1:29-34

### Faith Sharing Question

Matthew 2:1-12

Why do you think the leadership and the people in Jerusalem were "greatly troubled" at news of "the newborn king of the Jews"?

Isaiah 60:1-6

Isaiah announced this prophecy in the aftermath of Israel's seventy-year exile in Babylon, around 500 BC. How do you imagine the Israelites reacted to his vision?

Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6

Paul startled many of his Jewish contemporaries with the revelation that the Gentile believers in Christ were "coheirs" and "copartners" in the promises God made to Israel. Who would you consider today outsiders to the faith?

### Immaculate Conception Mission Statement

*As people chosen by God through our baptism, the parish of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church is called to make Christ visible in our family, community and the world. We proclaim God's word in worship, through the sacraments, in hospitality, teaching, repentance, forgiveness and service.*

*Our goal is that all people may come to know and share in the salvation of Jesus Christ.*

**Bulletin Board**

**Tuesday, January 10**

5:00 pm IC Finance IC  
 6:00 pm IC Pastoral IC

**Wednesday, January 11**

6:00 pm Relig. Ed. K-Adult IC

**Thursday, January 12**

6:00 pm RCIA IC

**Religious Education Resumes**

Religious education classes resume Wednesday January 11<sup>th</sup>. Looking forward to seeing all the youth again in class.

**Liturgical Roles**

**Sunday, January 15**

**St. Columba, 8:30 am**

**Eucharistic Min:** Eddie Gray  
 Amy Allard, Ruth Madden

**Lector:** Dan Allard

**Server:** Lisa H. & Savannah G.

**Cross Bearer:** Bob Durbin

**Gift Bearer:** Tina & Shelby Nelson

**Hospitality:** Tina & Shelby Nelson  
 Steve Basham & David Winchell

**Vocation Statue:** Tim & Dian Heavrin

**Immaculate Conception, 10:30 am**

**Eucharistic Min:** Dan Hagman  
 Jody Wheatley, Aimee Lyday

**Lector:** Falyn Stokes

**Server:** Andrew Lyday, Jacob Hodge

**Cross Bearer:** Emily Woodward

**Gift Bearer:** Jessalyn Gray & Anna Durbin

**Hospitality:** Harold Hagman  
 Tom Ogle, Bob Ogle, Steve Ogle

**Vocation Statue:** Denis & Martha Wheatley

**Childrens Liturgy:** Alisha Wheatley

**In Need of Special Prayer**

Phyllis Emmick, Joan Peak, Donald Tharp  
 Stephen Emmick, Robert Bulleit, April Bolin,  
 John & Marlene Wheatley, Georgene Poole

**Homebound and Heartland Villa**

Mary Hinton, Dorothy Beauchamp,  
 Christina Hagan, Olivia Murphy, Frances  
 Payne, Shirley Moble, Florence Roby,  
 Lillie Lanham, Clyde Toler  
 Clay Quinn, Regina Walz, Frances Storm

**Please call the Parish Office to add or  
 remove names from this bulletin prayer list.**

**EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP**

The story of the Wise Men bringing gifts to Jesus, the newborn King, is a great one, isn't it? They had a great big star in the sky to lead the way. I am no Boy Scout, so I am not sure how well I would do following a star like that. But the important point here is that God led them to the manger. The manger was a place that unless God specifically showed you this was where the Christ Child was born you wouldn't have believed it. You would have passed on by.

In our lives, there are no big stars in the sky leading us where we need to go. It isn't so easy sometimes discerning where God is leading us. We may seek to use our gifts wisely, but in what manner and to what end is not always clear.

This is where prayer can make a huge difference. If we seek to cultivate a prayer life where we are mindful of the presence of God throughout our day, then the call is easier to discern. We can help the process by intentionally offering to God in the morning the entirety of the day to come: all our actions, all our time, and all our decisions. In the evening, we can examine the past hours of the day and reflect on when we responded well to Christ's call and when we fell short. Then we resolve to begin again tomorrow, inviting Christ to be with us every step of the way. God may not offer a star in the sky to lead us, but if we invite us on our journey each day, the path will be much clearer. Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

***"They opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh"***

The Magi went searching for Jesus and when they found him, they did him homage and offered their gifts for him. In our search for happiness, joy, peace, and fulfillment, we realize that these can be found only in giving our lives to Him who first gave his life for us. We are all searching for Jesus. To learn more about discerning your vocation, contact the Vocations Office at 270-683-1545, jason.mcclure@pastoral.org, www.owensborovocations.com



**Sunday Collections**

|                                     |                   |                                |                   |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------|
| <b>Immaculate Conception</b>        |                   | <b>St. Columba</b>             |                   |
| Weekly Goal.....                    | \$3,269.00        | Weekly Goal.....               | \$2,308.00        |
| Collection 12-25-16 .....           | <u>\$2,454.00</u> | Collection 12-25-16.....       | <u>\$2,331.00</u> |
| Difference under .....              | \$815.00          | Difference over.....           | \$23.00           |
| Mass Attendance .....               | 0/52              | Mass Attendance .....          | 255               |
| Christmas envelopes.....            | \$8,515.00        | Christmas envelopes .....      | \$694.00          |
|                                     |                   |                                |                   |
| Weekly Goal.....                    | \$3,269.00        | Weekly Goal.....               | \$2,308.00        |
| Collection 1-1-17 .....             | <u>\$2,387.00</u> | Collection 1-1-17.....         | <u>\$4,034.00</u> |
| Difference under .....              | \$882.00          | Difference over.....           | \$1,726.00        |
| Mass Attendance .....               | 132               | Mass Attendance .....          | 98/52             |
|                                     |                   |                                |                   |
| Week # 27 of 52                     |                   | Week # 27 of 52                |                   |
| Fiscal YTD Goal.....                | \$88,263          | Fiscal YTD Goal .....          | \$62,316          |
| Fiscal YTD Actual .....             | \$86,405          | Fiscal YTD Actual.....         | \$65,714          |
|                                     |                   |                                |                   |
| <b>IC Building Acquisition Fund</b> |                   | <b>SC Building Repair Fund</b> |                   |
| Total Families Pledged              | 60                | Total Families Pledged         | 65                |
| Total Amount Pledged                | \$190,163         | Total Amount Pledged           | \$79,535          |
| Total Paid 1-1-17                   | \$174,863         | Total Paid 1-1-17              | \$74,923          |

**St. Columba Mission Statement**

*We, St. Columba Parish, are a living family of God committed to deepening and sharing our faith. We immerse ourselves deeper in our baptism to reach out to those in need, call people to recognize their talents and pray for guidance to lead all people to experience the light of Christ.*